

Green Schools Cooperative Agreement

Between Waukesha County and _____ School

Whereas, _____ School (“School”) and the Land Resources Division of the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use (“County”) both recognize the benefits of intergovernmental cooperation and share goals in the area of environmental education, and

Whereas, _____ School wishes to implement the Wisconsin Green Schools Program in order to save energy and resources, improve the environment, and provide learning opportunities for students, and

Whereas, the County is offering technical and educational assistance and limited funding to participating schools working toward completion of the Green Schools Program sections on Waste and Recycling, Water, School Site and Grounds, Mercury, and Community Involvement, or similar goals related to recycling, waste reduction, or pollution prevention, and

Whereas, under separate agreement, the County is also offering school districts in Waukesha County the opportunity to have their recyclable materials processed at the county-owned Material Recycling Facility (MRF) in the City of Waukesha to help schools comply with state recycling laws and possibly reduce current costs.

Now, Therefore, in consideration of these premises, _____ School and the County hereby agree to the following.

The School will:

1. Form a Green Schools Team and appoint a team leader to coordinate Green School activities and serve as a primary contact for County staff.
2. Complete a Green School Assessment in at least one of the program sections noted above, with County staff assistance.
3. Submit budget requests for prior county approval.
4. Submit approved expenditure invoices to the County for payment, and as documentation of eligible expenses.
5. Comply with state recycling laws.
6. If appropriate, consider a proposal to process school recyclables at the County MRF.

The County will:

1. Provide technical/education assistance to the School, including:
 - Class visits to the County Materials Recycling Facility
 - Classroom presentations and Recycle Raccoon mascot school visits
 - School waste assessment and evaluation of processing options for recyclables
 - Resources to support standards-based curriculum at appropriate grade levels
 - Professional development opportunities

2. Provide funding up to \$3,000 per school over a three-year period for eligible team activities, assessments, and action plan implementation, contingent on annual County Board budget approval.

School Principal:

School Team Leader Name

(Date)

School Superintendent or District Administrator:

(Date)

Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use:

(Date)

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